

## Congresswoman McCollum Votes Protect American Jobs

Congresswoman McCollum and Democrats were joined by 99 Republicans in passing the *Currenty Reform for Fair Trade Act*

(H.R. 2378), which helps prevent unfair trade practices that hurt U.S. exports and push American jobs overseas. Certain countries, such as China, suppress the value of their currencies to make exports cheaper on the international market. This currency manipulation makes U.S. exports less competitive, hurts U.S. manufacturers, and slows the economic recovery.

"The *Currency Reform for Fair Trade Act* will boost the American economy and create jobs without spending a single dime of taxpayer money. This bill gives the Obama Administration the tools it needs to protect our economy from the unfair trade practices of foreign countries like China," [said Congresswoman McCollum](#) . "Opponents of this bill make it very clear whose side they're on: multinational corporations that have already shipped their jobs to China. Today, I join my colleagues to stand with American workers, American consumers, and the American economy."



*Congresswoman McCollum meets with advocates from Catholic Charities.*

## Congresswoman McCollum Recognized as "Champion for Children"

This week, the [First Focus Campaign for Children recognized Congresswoman McCollum](#) and 99 other Members of Congress for their efforts to protect children and build a better future for the next generation. These Members of Congress have worked to advance policies that make children and families a top priority.

"Children are our nation's most precious resource because they represent our nation's potential," said Congresswoman McCollum. "We have a responsibility in Congress to continue establishing effective public policies that protect our children and give them the resources to become self-sufficient and healthy adults."

#### **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

October marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Congresswoman McCollum supported a Congressional resolution, which acknowledges this critical issue. Although tremendous strides have been made in fighting domestic violence, the statistics are still shocking. One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime, and an estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an partner each year. Congresswoman McCollum has consistently supported federal policies and programs that fight domestic violence and provide support victims and their families.

#### **2010 National Summit On Health Care Quality and Value**

On Monday, October 4, the [2010 National Summit On Health Care Quality and Value](#) will convene on Capitol Hill. This Summit is an opportunity for health care providers, consumer advocates, employers and other interested stakeholders across the country to come together to discuss how best to improve health care delivery and Medicare payment systems to reward high-quality care. Congresswoman McCollum has been a long-time proponent of fixing the disproportionate Medicare reimbursement system as Minnesota hospitals were at a disadvantage from the rest of the country.

#### **Department of Defense's Absentee Voting Week Ends Monday, October 4**

The Department of Defense is reminding active military personnel that [Absentee Voting Week](#) ends on Monday, October 4. On its website, the D

[Department of Defense has posted information](#)

on the absentee voting process. Congresswoman McCollum encourages all individuals who vote under the

*Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act*  
to get their absentee ballots in on time.